

Balmoral Community - Carson Capital Project Steering Committee

May 13, 2009 Meeting Summary Notes

In attendance: Assistant Superintendent Dave Pearce (Chair); Principal Mark James; Teacher Representative Toby MacDonald; Parent Representatives Sherri Thomas; Trustee Representative Mary Tasi; Student Representative Stephanie Wood; CUPE Staff Representative Suzanne Postle

Guests: Carson Graham First Nations Teacher Brad Baker

1. Summary Notes – April 14, 2009 Meeting

Dave Pearce distributed copies of the Summary Notes from the April 14, 2009 meeting.

2. Focus Sub-Committees - Updates

Fine Arts - Dave Pearce confirmed that Balmoral teacher Teresa Anton Marlowe will chair the Fine Arts sub-committee.

Athletics – It was reported that the sub-committee will meet one more time before bringing their recommendations forward to the Steering Committee.

Transportation – The sub-committee has completed its report and will bring it forward to the next Steering Committee meeting.

Design – It was reported that the PowerPoint presentation to be presented at the May 13th Carson Graham Open House is available and can be obtained by contacting him.

Programs – The sub-committee is currently reviewing a number of diverse programs such as engineering, digital media and CAD. The Trades programs of Culinary Arts, Cosmetology and Automotive will have a presence in the community through work experience and/or apprenticeship programs. Discussions with BCIT and VCC are still ongoing as the Carson design/build process continues.

3. First Nations Update

Brad Baker reported on discussions with Squamish Nation leadership and noted the following aspects regarding the transition of First Nations students from Carson Graham to Balmoral for the temporary relocation over the next three years.

- Approximately 41 First Nations students will be attending Balmoral in 2009-2010
- Continuation of the food program for these students
- A classroom and cultural space for First Nations students has been identified at Balmoral
- Letter to be sent by NVSD Superintendent to Squamish Nation Chief & Council with respect to the provision of aboriginal art work for Balmoral to support First Nations heritage

- Letter to be sent by NVSD Superintendent to Squamish Nation requesting consideration of possible use of Squamish Nation bus to help transport Norgate students to Balmoral
- A blessing will be held at Balmoral in August or September to support all student learning

4. Lessons From Sutherland

D. Pearce reported on the PowerPoint presentation developed by the former Sutherland Secondary principal Doug Green which addresses both the positives and the areas of caution when building a new high school. This will be presented at a future date.

5. Joint Steering Meetings with Carson Community Steering Committee

D. Pearce advised that discussions with respect to joint meetings of the Balmoral Community and Carson Community Steering Committee will resume after the Board's decision on the possible consolidation of Balmoral.

6. Other

Mark James will investigate relocation of the stove from Carson Graham for the Integrated Studies room at Balmoral. He will also contact NVSD Project Manager Jim Prunty with regards to the millwork and wiring needed for the room.

7. Committee Meeting Dates/Times:

June 11, 2009 3:30 pm at Balmoral